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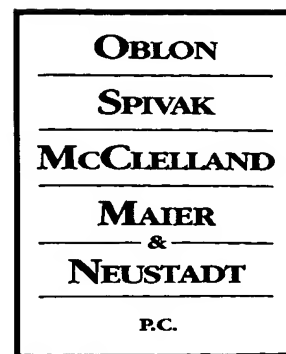
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Re: Inventor: Akira MURAKATA  
Serial No: 10/767,425  
Filed: January 30, 2004  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING CONTROL METHOD, IMAGE  
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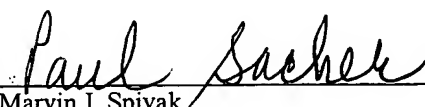
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Filing of Declaration/Declaration  
Filing of Supplemental Application Data Sheet  
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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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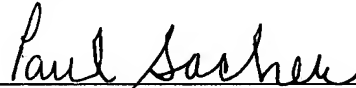
Responsive to the notification dated June 16, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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